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TO

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1. THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS HAD SOMEWHAT MORE RAPID
SUCCESS WITH THE SPANISH MILITARY ON THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN ART 5, SUPPL AGREEMENT 1
OF THE TREATY THAN EITHER THEY OR WE HAD ANTICIPATED. THE
CHIEF OF THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF HAS NOW NOMINATED MILITARY
PARTICIPANTS AND, IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THIS, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOW SUGGESTING THAT AT THE
COMING MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL AT THE LEVEL OF
PERMREPS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE BE FORMALLY CONSTITUTED. THE
SPANISH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE:

FOREIGN MINISTRY:
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN & PACIFIC AFFAIRS (DURAN)
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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN & ATLANTIC AFFAIRS (ELIAS)
THE SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL (CUERVO)
HIGH GENERAL STAFF:
THE CHIEF OF THE STRATEGIC DIVISION (REAR ADM LUIS RAFEL
MARTINEZ-CANABATE Y BALLESTEROS)
MARTINEZ-CANABATE WILL BE ASSISTED BY TWO OTHER HIGH GENERAL
STAFF OFFICERS: LT. COL. (INFANTRY) EMILIO ALONSO MANGLANO AND

LT. COL. (ENGINEERS) FRANCISCO VEGUILLAS ELICES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE SPANISH PERMANENT SECRETARY THAT FOR THE MOMENT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS FOCUSING ON CONSITUTION OF THE COMMISSION AND DOES NOT YET HAVE IN MIND ANY PARTICULAR TIMETABLE OR PROGRAM FOR COMMITTEE ACTION. THE MINISTRY SEEMS ALSO PERFECTLY PREPARED TO CCEPT AN INITIAL REPRESENTATION BY THE US DRAWN FROM THIS MISSION. WHEN WE ARE FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD, BROADER US REPRESENTATION MIGHT BE USEFUL.

3. WE WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE, SUBJECT TO THE DEPT'S VIEWS, TO RESPOND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROPOSED LIST OF SPANISH PARTICIPANTS WITH A US LIST CONSISTING OF THE DCM (EATON); CHIEF JUSMG/MAAG (NASH) AND THE AMERICAN PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL (POL/MIL COUNSELOR BREISKY). PLEASE ADVISE.

4. SHOULD THE SPANISH SIDE AT THE COUNCIL MEETING DESIRE TO TASK THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH ANY PARTICULAR IMMEDIATE MISSION, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT FIRST TURN ITS ATTENTION TO THE LIST OF SHORT TERM MEASURES WHICH THE AMBASSADOR GAVE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTEY JULY 20 (REF B), AND TO WHICH NO FORMAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.STABLER

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